SOCIETY AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.— Kris Krinkle, Jack Frost and the have been holding high Snow King have been noting his carnival in Washington this week, and with their joint efforts have succeeded in insking the 1904, Christmas one long to be remembered. With dett the Snow King painted pretty pictures in park and thoroughfare, on bush and tree, as a back-ground for the merry while Jack Frost nipped fin gures and toes, just enough to make the

everybody finappy.

Following the "noisiers work of the skies," came the merry fingle of sleigh bells inligied with shouts and laughter of boys and girls with their sleds, or those engaged in the equally strenous quastime show builing cach other, in fact, everybody, old or young, seems bent upon enjoying to the full an unusually white Christmus.

At the White House, at Secretary of War Taft's and in many other homes where children dwell, the snow man is a backiyard institution, his presence being allowed, to commeerate the record breaking fall of eleven inches of anow in a single week at the Capital.

Kodak purties are suddenly the fad, and gny groups of young people so from one artistic wintry seene to another, "snapping" each other sillouetted against a background of purest white.

While onjoying these rare pleasures of a New England Yuletide, Washingtonians have not forgotten the more familiar holiday festivities that are characteristic of the Southern Blates.

For those who delight to "trip the light fantasite toe," the sixty Couple Cotilion, danced at the New Williard Hotel on the night of the twenty-first, was the event par excellence. Admission was by card only, and these bits of pasteboards were sent to none save the socially elect, who have been such by right of birth for several generations, while to seek an invitation thereto is to argue yourself intention to Washington ways, and to forever place yourself outside the pale of forgiveness in that particular sat.

At the White House Christmas has mean the gathering of the clan. The little Roosevelts are still arriving from everywhere, to participate in the social affairs of the mid-winter season. Especially will they be in evidence at the big New Year's day reception given by the President to the Diplomatic Corps, to government efficials and finally to the public.

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Thristmas, commomorating the birth of the "Sun of Rightousness" may have a pagan member of the diplomatic corps as a next door neighbor, and the latter be equally zealous in celebrating the 'Feast of the Sun,' or the day in which the sun begins its return trip carrying sunshine



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Bells Across the Snow.

A Christmas Hymn.

By FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL.

CHRISTMAS, merry Christmas! Is it really come again, with its memories and greetings, With its joy and with its pain? There's a minor in the carol, And a shadow in the light, And a spray of cypress twining With the holly wreath to-night. And the hush is never broken By laughter light and low, As we listen in the starlight To the "bells across the snow."

> O Christmas, merry Christmas! 'Tis not so very long Since other voices blended With the carol and the song! If we could but hear them singing As they are singing now, If we could but see the radiance Of the crown on each dear brow;

There would be no sigh to smother, No hidden tear to flow, As we listen in the starlight To the "bells across the snow."

O Christmas, merry Christmas! This never more can be; We cannot bring again the days Of our unshadowed glee. But Christmas, happy Christmas, Sweet herald of good-will,

of the Child Jesus, they came to the house of an old woman, Befana, by name. "We are going," they said "to find the Christ Child. We have seen his Star in the East and it is leading us to the place where he lies. See, here are the presents we are taking him.

"Will you go with us?"

The old woman saw the beautiful Star, thought of her unfinished tasks, and repiled that if they would wait until her work was done she would be glad to go with their for she too-wished to see the holy babe. The wise men could not wait, and the old women went back to her work thinking meanwhile of the babe and the star. Her house swept and garnished, the good woman gathered her gitts together, intending to follow the Star. When lot the Star was gone and therowas nothing to guide her to the manger. She is still trying to find the Star, and since she cannot give her gitts to the Christ-child himself, she carried them

The Bread

of Health.

At half-past seven on Christmas-eve

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At hair-past seven on Christmas-eve, they gathered in a room, ornamented with representations of saints and angels, the Virgin, Mary, and Joseph, the wise men from the East, shepherds, sheep and oxen. The presents in a great carthen swan, are placed on the table. The young people formed into line, marched ground the table and each one gave a blow with a small stick until the bird was broken. Then the fun began. A scramble for the gifts, was followed by games and the ugual merrymaking.

At the Netherlands Legation, a week-old American bride will be in charge of the festivities, which will include a dinner to the Minister's official staff. The marriage of Mr. Jonkheer R. de Maros van Swinderen and Miss Elizabeth Glovor was the international event of great interest of the post-Christmas season, both bride and groom being foted and tonsted for days before the nuptial ceremony, Miss Glover was attended by Miss Isabelle Hagner (Mrs. Roosevell's social secretary), and the groom had as his best man the Belgian minister, Baron Moncheur, whose second wife, like the first, was an American.

Instead of a tree, the children of the Peruvian legation have a "Grotic of the Nativity" in ministure, This grotte is surrounded by pots or nourishers of various sizes, with growing plants of different grains, while in and around the whole the gifts are arranged. The Peruvian 'edits are arranged. The Peruvian' will be continued until January (the observance of which in Peru corresponds with our April Fool's Day.

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VIEWS OF PEOPLE ON ISSUES OF DAY.

Streets and Libraries.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Bir-A 'singular' misunderstanding of the ordinance now in the hands of the Pinance Committee of the City Council, relating to the proposed public library, seems to cling to the minds of a goodly number of people. This ordinance is prepared under the provisions of an act of the Legislature, enacted originally in 1899, and re-enacted in 1992-3, us required by the new Constitution.

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This law requires that the board of trustees shall be called "The Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Richmond." Not the "Carnegie Library," but "The Bublic Library of the City of Richmond." So this effort, at least, is not one taken in a manner which will help to bring fame to Mr. Carnegie, as some seem to fear and to lock upon as an unpardonable sin.

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The organization of this library board under this act in no sense compels the trustees to accopt Mr. Carnegle's very generous offer. The acceptance of that offer is an accomplished fact, and has been since May, 1901. No action taken now will change that acceptance, unless Mr. Carnegle consents to such action. The city has entered into a contract which it can be made to fulfill at any time.

A very remarkable objection to the library was urged a few days ago in one of the daily papers. The fact of establishing an enterprise which we could not abandon at any time was urged as an insuperable objection, and yet, in the same article, the suggestion that the same enterprise be tacked on po the High School building as a part of it was more or loss urged. Will the library be any less a fixture if made a part of the High School than if it be operated separately and apart?

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Some say that if this library is established and the city some time in the future should see fit to reduce the amount of its tax or appropriation for its support below \$10,000 per annum, then Mr. Carnegie's executors could come forward and demand the whole outlay—land, fixtures, books and all—because of non-compilance with contract. This is the first time that the law is construed to permit a man who has even an interest in the improvements on property to take the whole property in satisfaction of his claim. Usually the house goes to satisfy a mortgage on the land, but never the land to satisfy an argument is, to say the least, strained. The need of a free public library in Richmond is apparent to all when one looks into the matter with any care. The Book Lovers Library was sintoduced here a few years ago, and now takes away annually, some \$1,550, not to say a word about what goes in subscriptions to the Tabard Inn Library.

Norfolk's library has had a similar experience. The old subscription, library which had been maintained in that city for many years, had, in the fall of this year, some 500 or 600 users. The new public library was opened on November 15, 1901, and let weep that date and December 5, 1904, over 2,000 people had called for books. On December 5, 1904, 450 people applied for books at the Carlieg's Library in Norfolk. When now enterprises are in Norfolk. When now enterprises are mentioned in our municipal affairs a great cry for the peed of clean streets and more paved streets is raised. One often hears

Sweet herald of good-will,

With holy songs of glory

Brings holy gladness still,

For peace and hope may brighten,

And patient love may glow

As we listen in the sparlight

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Wishing to all alike a full measure of the season's bountles.

May your home ring with glad tidings and happiness during the Yule tide.

May joy and prosperity continue with you always.

THE CABLE COMPANY.







The Academy and the Higher Institutions.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sit.—It may interest Mr. Carlington Moseley to know that, the University of Virginia and Randolph-Macon College will hereafter require entrance examinations of all who intend to enter those institutions, except of those who come from accredited schools, bearing a certificate of the principal of the school. Both those institutions forced the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools at the meeting held in New Orleans on November 2-4 uitimo. Washington & Lee University has been a member of this association for a number of years. Now that the University of Virginia has entered it as hoped that in a short time all the State institutions, as well as the private ones, will join.

Afr. Moseley has certainly pointed out one of the radical defects in our Southern Educational System. The reason why we do not have more students in our higher institutions of learnings is that we allow them to enter unprepared. They are therefore not able to continue in college till they get their degree. A Virginia institution that should receive one hundred new students every year would not catalogue more than one hundred and fifty or two hundred students, wherea a Northern institution receiving one hundred new students would entatogue three hundred or this elicities at the proparatory Schools at its meeting in November. 1903. discussed this question, and came to the almost unaninous conclusion that the reason why boys in the North do not stay till they graduate is that they are allowed to entar college without due preparation and thus cannot pursuo their course to completion, and fall out after a year, or two.

By having entrance examinations our nigher institutions of learning deprive themselves for a few years of a number of students, but these same students will enter them letter with sufficient preparation to enable them to stay till gradua-

What Sulphur Does

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days whon our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifler." tonic and cure-ail, and mind you, this old-fashloned remedy was not without morit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

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Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Culcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining bodily vigor and health; sulphur acts directly on the liver, and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt climination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fail, but the crucity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparations of sulphur, of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used. They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constination and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. R. M. Wilkins, while experimenting with sulphur remedles, soon founding with about from Calcium was sulphur to the sulphur to the sulphur remedles, soon founding with sulphur remedles, soon founding with about the condition and sulphur remedles, soon founding with about from Calcium was sulphur to the sulphur from Calcium was s

tion, whereas without this preparation many of them would have left college after the first session. Thus not only will the academy and the high schools be benefited by the requirement of entrance examinations on the part of colleges, but the colleges themselves will be the gainers in the quality of their schools and after a short time even in numbers.

It is hardly conceivable that our Legis-It is bardly concaivable that our Legisitors will allow the waste in education
to funtinue much longor. They appropriate money to build high schools;
then they appropriate more money
to destroy these schools; for every
institution that takes unprepared
students is exerting its influence to break
up the high schools. The State is thus
in the attitude of pulling down with
one hand what it builds up with the
other.

R. E. BLACKWELL.

WILD DASH FOR LIBERTY. Negro Robber Butts His Way Through Plate Glass.

Through Plate Glass.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE. VA., Dec. 23.—Having occasion to go in the store several hours after the Farmville Commercial Company's easilishment had been closed last night, Mr. Oscar West, one of the clerks, discovered a burly negro man crouched behind the counter. Only a small lamp lighted the room, and Mr. West could not identify the man, but he was asked why he was there, and he replied that one of the proprietors had unintentionally locked him in when the store was closed for the night. This not being an entirely satisfactory answer, Mr. West caught hold of the man and sent a small boy for the police.

The negro immediately showed fight by slashing at his captor with a huge knife, until, freeing himself, he dashed for the door. Finding it locked, he backed several feet and then dashed forward headforemost through a heavy plate glass window, falling face down upon the sidewalk. As quick as a flash he regained his feet and escaped.

NORFOLK SOCIETY.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Miss Henricita Costin, of Pittsburg, Pa.,
Mrs. Charles Webster entertained a numbor of the friends at bridge whist on Monday afternoon. The first prize, a lace
handsercidef, was won by Miss Ruth
Wilson. One of the most enjoyable features of the entertainment was the singing of Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who rendered a several solos; most delightfully.
Mrs. "Webster's guests were Miss Costin,
Mass Elizabeth Conrad, of Chariottesviller Miss Beside Bmith, of Winchester;
Misses Guilla Serpell, Mabel and Béssle
Chamberiaine, Mittie Herbert, Ellen Bell,
Anne K. Henry, Belle Truxtun, Frances
Culpoper, Elizabeth Taylor, Ruth Wilson,
Margaret and Alloc Old.
At the Wirginia Club, Sunday evening,
Mr. and Mrs. Gwynne T. Shepperd entertained a shumber of their friends at
dinner.

dinner. Mrs. A. C. Freeman have as their guests their daughter, Mrs. Allan M. Cooke, U. S. N., and her son. Dr. and Mrs. Trigant Burrow, of Ealtimore, were the guests this week of their mother, Mrs. John W. Burrow, in Chent. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wood left Wednesday for Goldsboro, N. C., to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. W. B. Allen.

KING HURLED FROM OVERTURNING CAR

Daring Alfonso Has Narrow Escape, But Is Unhurt.

WON BY FLORAL KING

Second Choice Beats Gregor K. by Three Lengths-Misanthrope Winning Favorite.

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(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Floral King scored a victory in the Christmas Handicap, for which he was a strong second choice. Floral King had eleven pounds the best of it and won easily by three lengths from Gregor K, who came very fast at the close. Misanthrope was the only winning favorite of the day. Sammaries:

Third race—one mile—Misanthrope (6 to 6) first, Worthington (10 to 1) second, Rabutta (50 to 1) third. Time, 1144.

Fourth race—the Christmas Handlesp, one mile—Florat King (5 to 2) first, Gregor K. (6 to 1) second, Au Revoir (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:41.

Fifth race—handlesp, one mile—Garnish (3 to 1) first, Highwind (3 to 1) second, Tople (8 to 1) third. Time, 1:41 4-5.

Sixth race—two miles, selling—Treacy (7 to 1) first, Hymettus (6 to 1) second, Tople (3 to 1) first, Hymettus (6 to 1) second, Lord Tennyson (7 to 5) third. Time, 2:33 4-5.

MADE BASKETS.

Pupils of Leigh School Gave Handiwork to Parents.

An enjoyable Christmas programme was rendered by the First Grammar pupils (*) Leigh School last Wednesday, Quite a number of parcats and friends of the children responded to the notes of invitation written by the pupils, and at the close of the following programme specimens of the pupils work in basketry were distributed:
Christmas Greeting, Norma Loth. Christmas Greeting, Norma Loth. Christmas Song, School.
Duct, Long Ago Cne Christmas, Lily Brocks, Lavonia Morton,
Just Before Christmas, Willie Seibert. Christmas-Eve Song, School.

Two Little Stockings, Sylvan Roths Duet, Go to Sleep, Hazel Asher, Katis Asher. How Santa Claus Came, Wills Wood-

Arts Kingle, Haskins Coleman. Song, Louie Phelps. Keen a Watch on Your Words, Helen

Dorset, Do Something for Somebody, Quick, Irma Merrydew.
Somebody, Meyor Engelberg,
Ohristmas Stockings, Ten Pupils.
A Surprise for Santa, Dorothy Minter,
Song, Beulah Angel.

FIRE IN LANCASTER.

Store and Pickle Factory Burned

at White Stone Wharf.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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Blibson-Are you going to hang up your stockings this year?
Glibson-No. Indeed; too old.
Blibson-Nonsense, you're not old.
Glibson-No, but my stockings are.—

THE NEW YEAR should be started with a new set of

est line. Come, it will be easy to convince you.

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First race—one mile—Love's Labor (8 te 1) first, Goldspink (4 to 1) second, Hick-ory Corners (60 to 1) third. Time, 143 3-5. Second race—five furlongs—Norwood Ohio (20 to 1) first, Jake Sanders (3 to 1) second, Sponge Cake (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:03 1-5.